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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/526,693	NESVADBA ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Duc Truong	1711

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

#### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                          2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 12-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
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## DETAILED ACTION

In the response to the restriction election, Applicant elects the Invention of group I, with the specie step (a). In the condition when the claimed process of group I is in condition of allowance, then the claimed stabilized compositions of group V, claims 15-17, employed the product produced by process of group I, will be rejoined.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 00/71501.

The reference discloses a process for the preparation of polyalcoxyamines from a mononitroxide (see page 8, line 3 to page 12, line 29; page 13, line 20 to page 15, line 14; claims 1-37) in that the formula has been disclosed at page 8.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 0238618 or WO 00 61544 or MOFFAT (U.S. 5498679) or Chem Abstracts 137: 295596 or 136: 169419 or 133: 309685.

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WO 02 38618 discloses a process for producing polymer compositions in that monomers are polymerized in the presence of ligands that may form a coordination compound with the metal catalyst by way of initiators that comprise a transferable group of atoms, and one or more catalysts that comprise at least one transition metal (see Abstract).

Note that the reactants and the steps of the process are disclosed at page 6, paragraph 2, page 20, paragraph 5 to page 28, paragraph 2; page 29, paragraph 2 to page 31, paragraph 2; claims 1-21.

WO 00 61544 discloses a method for preparing alkoxyamines which consists in mixing in an organic solvent, a metallic salt, a metal ligand, a halogeno-carbon ZX compound and a nitroxide under cited conditions (see Abstract).

Note that the reactants and the steps of the process are disclosed at page 9, line 23 to page 32; claims 1-16.

MOFFAT discloses free radical process for the preparation of a thermoplastic resin or resins includes heating a mixture of a multifunctional nitroxide compound and at least one polymerizable monomer compound (see Abstract; col. 6, line 34 to col. 9, line 34; col. 10, lines 47-54; claims 1-18).

137: 295596 discloses transition metal catalyzed preparation of alkoxyamines and compositions using nitroxide.

136: 169419 and 133: 309685 disclose methods fro preparing alkoxyamines from nitroxides.

The disclosures of the references differ from the instant claims in that they do not disclose the broad claimed mono nitroxide of formula (A).

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However, the references do disclose the species of said mono nitroxide under the same or similar conditions to form the same or similar products. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to select the mono nitroxide component from the references within the limitations of the instant claims since they have been shown to be effective in a similar system and thus would have been expected to provide adequate results. There is no showing of unexpected results derived from said selection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-1081. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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